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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2712

INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD BY POUCH

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: UR CASC

SUBJECT: AIRPORT DETENTIONS: DISCUSSION WITH MFA OFFICIAL

REF: MOSCOW 12205, A-507

1. AT RECEPTION OCT 4, CONSOFF RAISED WITH MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION FIRST SECRETARY AGANIN QUESTION OF AIRPORT DETENTIONS OF AMCITS WHO ARRIVE WITH INCORRECT SOVIET VISAS.

2. AGANIN REPLIED THAT "STEPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN" IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY APPROACH. ASKED TO EXPLAIN, HE STATED THAT MFA HAD ADVISED SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON OF APPROACH AND ASKED EMBASSY TO BE MORE CAREFUL IN PREPARING VISAS. AGANIN SAID MEASURES HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKEN WITHIN USSR IN THIS REGARD, BUT DECLINED TO SPECIFY. ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF EMBASSY SUGGESTION THAT OVIR OFFICIAL BE POSTED AT SHEREMETYEVO AIRPORT, AGANIN REPLIED THAT "THIS IS NOT OUR SYSTEM." CONSOFF REITERATED EMBASSY POSITION THAT IN VIEW OF STEADILY INCREASING FLOW OF AMERICANS TO USSR AND UNFORTUNATE PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS CAUSED BY DETENTIONS (PARTICULARLY OVER WEEKENDS) AT HARSH AIRPORT DETENTION FACILITY, IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO EITHER INTRODUCE GREATER ARRIVAL FLEXIBILITY INTO SOVIET VISAS OR STATION OFFICIAL AT AIRPORT AUTHORIZED TO MAKE AT LEAST MINOR CORRECTIONS IN VISAS.

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